

Dear Chairman Powell and Commissioners,

As a citizen who is informed about the political and electoral issues that affect my life, I am greatly disappointed by the lack of informative television programming, so much so that I do not watch television to get information about candidates, but rather look to other sources news sources for the information I need.

Getting through the spin and trying to uncover the real story behind much of the information available through all sources is mind boggling at times.

The american public deserves straight information, not just paid advertisements, from media, otherwise, it is nearly impossible to have an honest, informative, and productive debate about policies impacting our lives and communities.

Our democracy is at risk when many Americans don't know basic facts about the candidates or the issues. I've heard that most Americans get their news from television sources. If that primary news source does not provide information on candidates and issues, American's won't have the information they need in order to make informed decisions on election day.

The FCC should define meaningful public interest requirements that include local civic and electoral affairs programming. At a minimum, broadcasters should air three hours per week of local civic and electoral affairs programming, with at least two hours devoted to substantive election coverage in the six weeks prior to Election Day. Substantive coverage includes information on each candidate's record, where the candidate stands on issues on national importance, not merely commentary on public opinion, polling, or character traits.

Sincerely,

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